GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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PERSONS AFFECTED BY RENAL FAILURE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons suffering from kidney failure in the country at present;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted by the Central Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether in this advanced age of medical science, there is still no remedy for kidney failure and the success rate of kidney transplantation in the country is also very low;

(e) if so, the reasons for our R&D Department not been able to invent any effective medicine so far to prevent/cure renal failure; and

(f) the action taken/being taken by the Government to invent some effective medicine in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(c): No national survey has been carried out to ascertain the number of kidney failure patients in the country. However, as per the estimates of Dr. S.C. Tiwari of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi and Dr. V. Sakhuja of Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, one hundred persons per million of the population develop kidney failure every year. Thus, for our current population this would amount to about one lakh new patients of kidney failure every year.

(d)to(f): At present, there are no effective medicines anywhere in the world to treat patients of chronic renal failure. Patients of chronic renal failure require either transplantation of a kidney or lifelong dialysis to sustain them. The success ratio of transplantations in AIIMS is survival of one year in ninety two percent cases which is comparable to anywhere in the world.